

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the final action of September 26, 2007 in which claims 1-32 were finally rejected.

The independent claims 1, 11, 22, 28, 29 and 31 have all been amended to include essentially the same limitations pertaining to specific spatial and temporal aspects shown in Figs. 5A and 5B where, if spatial overlap is determined, a further determination is made as to temporal closeness in time in order to control the overlap.

The Examiner argued that the reference shows a sequential analysis in paragraph 34 and a relational analysis in paragraph 37 leading to automatic layout and where a key image from a video clip is determined and included in a composite multimedia message (paragraphs 38 and 39).

However, *Furon* does not show the printable output formable into the combined page or separate pages depending on a spatial aspect including whether the multiple objects overlap and, if so, depending upon a temporal aspect including closeness in time of overlapping objects to a same object within the presentation so as to control the overlap in the combined page.

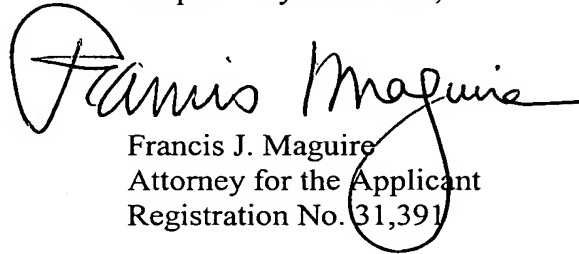
This is exemplified in Figs. 5a and 5b in the lower half of each flow chart beginning with the blocks starting with the phrase "spatial overlap." In Fig. 5a, a determination is made as to whether there is a spatial overlap with another object. If so, a determination is made of the closeness of time of overlapping objects to a same object within the presentation. Steps are then taken to control the overlap in the combined page. The same may be said for Fig. 5b except that Fig. 5a treats the objects one at a time whereas Fig. 5b treats them all at the same time. The way this may be understood is by reference to Fig. 4D of the present application where it is shown that the images IM1 and IM2 overlap and only one of them is picked to be associated with images IM3 and IM4, i.e., image IM2 because it is closer in time to images

IM3 and IM4 than is image IM1. *Furon et al* do not show this kind of a solution in their sequential analysis, relational analysis or semantic analysis leading to their optimal layout.

Withdrawal of the novelty rejection of claims 1-32 is requested.

The objections and rejections of the Office Action of September 26, 2007, having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested and passage of claims 1-32, as amended, to issue is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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